



## SCC-LIS\_TIP OF THE WEEK

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TOPIC: CRP and ESR ordering restrictions	ISSUE DATE: 11JUNE2018
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### **TOPIC/QUESTION:**

I'm trying to process this requisition from Doctor Bob requesting ESR and CRP analysis but the LIS won't let me order it. What do I do?

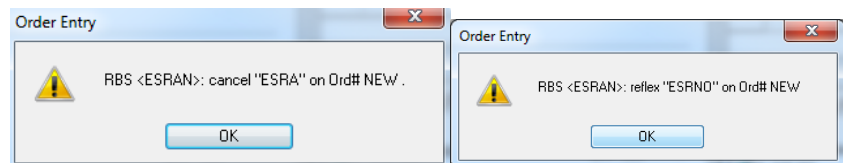
### **ANSWER/TIP:**

The laboratory has adopted the Choosing Wisely NWT recommendation regarding the responsible ordering of CRP and ESR. Effective July 13, 2018, the concurrent ordering of ESR and CRP will be limited to orthopedic surgeons and rheumatologist. Physicians NOT designated in this group will no longer be able to request both CRP and ESR. At order entry, the LIS will cancel the ESR and order test ESRNO. This test will auto-verify indicating the adoption of the new Choosing Wisely NWT recommendation.

Users will:

1. Order CRP and ESR as indicated on the requisition
2. If the requesting physician is NOT an orthopedic surgeon or rheumatologist, the LIS will cancel the ESR and order the ESRNO test. CRP will remain on the order for analysis
3. If the clinical history of temporal arteritis is given with the request for both ESR and CRP, order group test code TART – Temporal Arteritis Investigation. This code includes both ESR and CRP.

### **EXAMPLE:**



#### HEMATOLOGY

Specimen/Collected/Rcv'd: NUL 2018-06-11 08:55 2018-06-11 08:55

#### Misc Hematology

ESR - erythrocyte sedimentation rate **see below** mm/hr

The Choosing Wisely NWT recommendations regarding responsible ordering of both ESR and CRP have been adopted. When these are ordered concurrently, CRP will be provided as the preferred test for the vast majority of clinical situations. If an ESR is required please contact the Laboratory at (867)669-4373.